

FOREST HEALTH COUNCIL

PINYON/JUNIPER WOODLANDS WORKSHOP AGENDA

July 10, 2008

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Pinyon/Juniper (P/J) woodlands are one of the most extensive forested ecosystems in the Southwest, covering almost 20,000,000 acres in Arizona and New Mexico (see attached map). The ecology of these woodlands (fire regime, watershed values, composition/structure/function, wildlife habitat value, etc.) are less well understood than for many other native ecosystems. In addition, juniper often invades native grasslands and converts critical open habitat into dense woodlands and pinyon pine has seen significant die-off from drought and beetle infestations. Restoration actions may be needed over wide areas, but site-specific target conditions are often unclear and identifying appropriate treatment techniques can be challenging. In addition, utilization of P/J treatment by-products is still a developing industry with extensive opportunities for increased investment and development.

The purpose of this P/J workshop is to establish a foundation within the Forest Health Council from which we can move forward to address the multiplicity of policy and management issues related to these woodlands, such as has been done with ponderosa pine forests in Arizona.

TIME AND LOCATION: July 10 FHC meeting in Flagstaff, AZ

FORMAT: 20-30 minute presentations with 30-40 minutes of discussion

AGENDA:

10:15-10:30	Ecology & Restoration – Ed Smith, TNC
10:30-10:45	Wildlife Habitat & Other Values – Steve Rosenstock, AZGFD
10:45-11:15	Discussion
11:15-11:35	Management – Mike Macauley, CNRCD & Perine Ranch
11:35-12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 12:30	Break for lunch – provided.
12:30-12:45	Utilization Opportunities – Gary Snider, NAU Forestry
12:45-1:00	Renegy Biomass Energy Plant Utilization – Scott Higginson, Renegy
1:00-1:30	Discussion
1:30-2:30	Open Discussion of Overall Issues and FHC Opportunities, Possible Actions and Timeframes – Steve Gatewood, GFFP

(Several other participants may contribute to these sessions)

SELECTED LINKS:

P-J WIN: Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands Information Network ~ <http://www.mpcer.nau.edu/pjwin/>
Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands of the Colorado Plateau ~ <http://cpluhna.nau.edu/Biota/pinyon-juniper.htm>
Disturbance Regimes in P-J ~ http://www.cfri.colostate.edu/docs/P-J_disturbance_regimes
Managing Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands ~ <http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/sd/pinyonjuniper.pdf>